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Hypocrisy seen on high seas; what about Pinoys?

MOMBASA, KENYA—THE INTERNATIONAL community is showing hypocrisy by suddenly focusing on Somali piracy because of the capture of one American, a regional maritime group said on Saturday.

Sea gangs from the lawless Horn of Africa nation grabbed world headlines this week when they briefly hijacked the

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'SALUBONG' A young girl portrays an angel lifting the black cloth covering a statue of the Virgin Mary during the traditional "Salubong" of the resurrected Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday in Barangay Pulang Lupa 1, C5 Extension, Las Piñas City. NIÑO JESUS ORBETA

GMA in Dubai job hunt; OFWs warned

UAE also dropping foreign workers, says expert

By Jerome Aning and Christian V. Esguerra

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-Arroyo is now in Dubai to shop for investments and jobs for Filipinos displaced by the global financial crisis, but a recruitment industry consultant warned that employment opportunities had all but dried up there.

According to Emmanuel Geslani, Dubai has lost its status as a corporate financial hub and many unemployed migrant workers are now finding out just how tough are the laws on debt, immigration and labor in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Geslani aired the warning yesterday, in the course of pointing out that Ms Arroyo's trip to Dubai to meet with prospective employers of Filipinos did not mean that thousands of jobs were still available there. (See related story in Across the Nation, Page A17.)

"My advice to [Filipinos] is: Don't go there for nothing so you will not suffer," Geslani told the Inquirer on the phone.

He said Filipinos applying for jobs in Dubai and other parts of the UAE should verify from their would-be employers if a working visa or permit would be eventually issued to them when they get there.

Geslani, a 30-year veteran of the recruitment industry, is a former vice chair and three-term director of the Philippine Association of Service Ex-

GMA IN DUBAI / A8

Pope seeks reconciliation in Africa, Middle East

VATICAN CITY—POPE BENEDICT XVI called on Sunday for a new push to resolve the conflict in the Middle East and for an end to "often forgotten" violence in Africa during his traditional Easter blessing.

He said the entire world needed to rediscover hope to end wars, financial turmoil, and "old and new forms of poverty."

The German pope also comforted Italians mourning the nearly 300 dead from last week's earthquake in the central Abruzzo region in a message to tens of thousands at St. Peter's Square. He singled out the survivors as he addressed Easter greetings to Catholics around the world in 63 languages.

"Happy Easter to you, men and women of Italy, in particular those who suffer because of the earthquake. May the risen Christ ... inspire in all the necessary wisdom and courage to proceed united in the building of a future open to hope," he said in Italian.

The Pontiff, who will turn 82 on Thursday, said reconciliation in the Middle East was "difficult, but indis-

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EASTER MESSAGE Pope Benedict XVI delivers the traditional "Urbi et Orbi" (To the City and the World) Easter message from the central loggia of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. AFP

Rioting breaks out in Bangkok

BANGKOK, THAILAND—THAI PRIME Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva narrowly escaped a savage attack and rioting erupted in Bangkok as protesters commandeered public buses and swarmed triumphantly over military vehicles in unchecked defiance after the government declared a state of emergency yesterday.

Bands of red-shirted antigovernment protesters roamed areas of the Thai capital, with some smashing a car carrying the Prime Minister and others beating up motorists who hurled insults at them.

At least 10 intersections were occupied by the protesters, who used buses to barricade several major roads, spawning massive traffic jams.

The latest unrest comes a day after

RIOTING / A6



Soldiers, reporters feast on summit food

PATTAYA, THAILAND—THE LOBSTER had been grilled to perfection, the lights were low, and the music tinkled softly in the background in the grand ballroom of the five-star Royal Cliff Hotel—all that was missing were the 16 foreign leaders.

Just because the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean)

SOLDIERS / A6

RP may tap VFA to rescue Sulu hostages, says Pimentel

By Christine O. Avendaño in Manila and Julie Alipala in Zamboanga City

SENATE MINORITY LEADER AQUILINO Pimentel Jr. yesterday said the Philippines could bank on its Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA) and other pacts with the United States for help in its efforts to rescue people abducted by the Abu Sayyaf, including two foreign aid workers held in Jolo, Sulu.

"We can make use of them," Pimentel said of the agreements between Manila and Washington in an interview over dzBB radio. He made the suggestion in replying to a question concerning lawmakers' calls for a review of the VFA.

But he stressed that he did not want the agreements to be used as a reason for US troops to fight the Abu Sayyaf.

"The VFA can be used to ask help from the US so we can ensure the release of two hostages of the Abu Sayyaf in Sulu and the Filipino teachers kidnapped by the group in Zamboanga,"

RP MAY TAP / A21

Pushing Cha-cha may be playing with fire

By Amando Doronila

ANALYSIS

AFTER A LONG HIBERNATION DURing the Lenten break, Congress resumes session today, confronted by a renewed push to change the 1987 Constitution of a nation that does not appear ready for it.

The nation's mood is like that of a sleeping tiger that can be provoked by fresh actions tormenting it.

Before the holidays, the public had been harassed by efforts initiated by administration allies in the House of Representatives to fast-track attempts to change the Constitution through the method of convening a constituent assembly composed of the Senate and the House.

At the start of the recess, the two chambers were stalemated on the Con-ass procedure in which the House and the Senate would vote jointly, a procedure rejected by most senators, who preferred the Senate voting separately.

In its most recent public opinion survey on the Cha-cha issue, conducted from Feb. 2 to 15 and released on March 23, Pulse Asia provided a measure of the public mood on a set of 11 issues related to it.

The first relates to the extent of public knowledge about the Constitution. The presumption here is that if public knowledge or awareness of the Charter is inadequate, it would be unwise to rush the

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DR. AUGUSTINE Doronila (left) and one of his students look at insects feeding on trees feeding on mine tailings in Australia. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

'Balik-scientist' nurtures ecosystem back to life

By Alcuin Papa

WHAT STARTED OUT AS GARDENING lessons at an early age has led to pioneering work in ecology.

As a young boy of seven, biologist Dr. Augustine Doronila helped his mother tend a small garden, an activity that would instill in him a lifelong love for plants.

Today, all the world is his garden. Inspired by those early gardening lessons, Doronila is now involved in developing ways to resurrect and restore not just plants and trees but entire ecosystems from the ravages of mining.

Doronila, 50, a son of Inquirer columnist Amando Doronila, recalls how his mother, Lourdes, a chemist, would make him water plants, break rocks and dig holes for plants while he listened to her lecture on the various flora and fauna in their home in Blue Ridge, Quezon City.

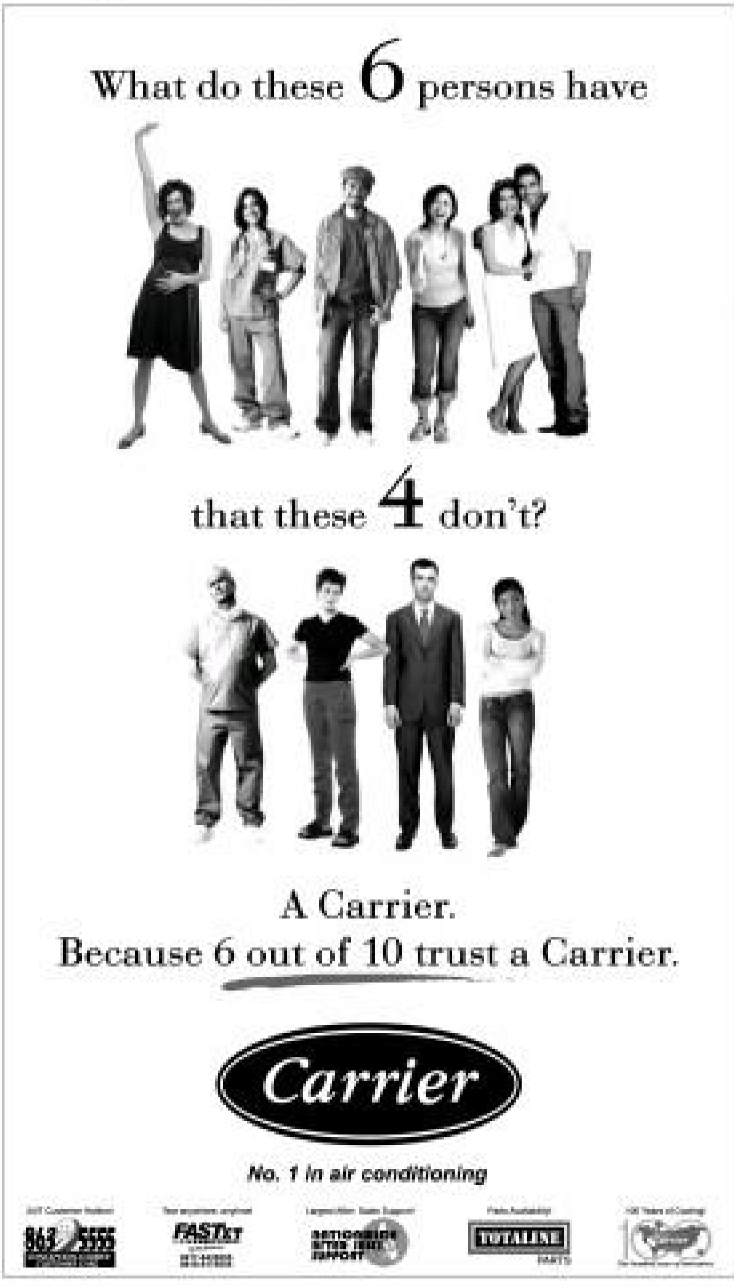
"I enjoyed working with my mother in the garden immensely," Doronila re-

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NO NEED TO RUSH

Nograles puts brakes on Cha-cha



SINGING A DIFFERENT TUNE, Speaker Prospero Nograles yesterday said there was no need to rush Charter change or for the Lakas-CMD coalition to hold a caucus on a constituent assembly as pushed by the President's son, Pampanga Rep. Juan Miguel Arroyo, and her political party, Kampi.

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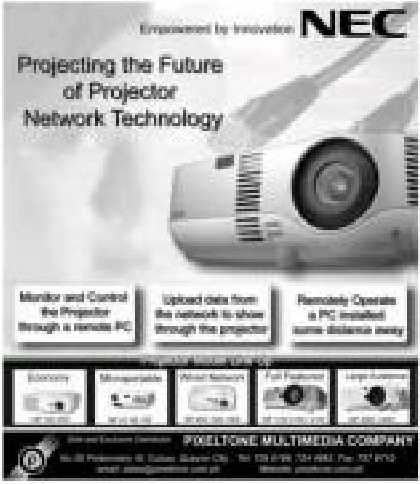
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Short circuit

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100 new congressmen pushed; high cost feared

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.



Loren pushes for mandatory newborn screening service

By Michael Lim Ubac

SEN. LOREN LEGARDA, CHAIR of the Senate committee on health, has called on the government to conduct a nationwide information campaign so that parents can avail themselves of the benefits of the mandatory Newborn Screening Service (NBS) program.

NBS is a policy instituted since the enactment of Republic Act No. 9288 (Newborn Screening Act) in 2004 to screen newborns for certain metabolic birth defects right after birth.

Metabolic birth defects—chemical changes that take place within living cells—can cause physical problems, mental retardation and, in some cases, death.

The Department of Health (DOH) says most babies with metabolic disorders look normal at birth.

In a statement, Legarda said that the DOH records showed that only 15.6 percent or 224,000 of the 1.5 million babies born annually have undergone NBS procedures in 2007.

Blood from baby's foot

NBS is conducted by extracting blood from an infant's foot to test for five illnesses—congenital hypothyroidism, congenital adrenal hyperplasia, galactosemia, phenylketonuria and glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency.

The blood specimen is taken before the baby leaves the hospital, or at least 24 hours after birth, says the DOH.

Because of this dismal compliance to the law, Legarda said an awareness campaign on newborn screening was necessary.

Asked about the benefits of NBS, Legarda explained that early detection and treatment could increase the afflicted infant's chances of having a healthy development.

"Filipinos may still be lacking the information they need to know on the benefits of newborn screening," said Legarda, calling on the DOH to boost its information campaign on newborn screening so as to realize a wider coverage of the mandatory testing on infants.

"People may have already known about it, but that they could not seem to avail of the program because, maybe, they don't know the procedure yet," Legarda said.

Legarda said the DOH should conduct a nationwide awareness campaign by mobilizing the country's health workers, who should first undergo seminars for the purpose.

"The country's health workers, if properly given crash course on newborn screening, could be a good tool to create massive awareness, especially in far-flung areas," she said.

The senator recognized, however, the need for a huge capital for the establishment of screening centers all over the country.

Hearing loss detection

RA 9288 does not include the universal newborn hearing screening program for the prevention, early diagnosis and intervention of hearing loss among children for which Legarda has filed a separate bill—Senate Bill No. 2390.

SB 2390 has been approved by the Senate on third reading.

A close look at the statistics on the number of children born annually should give the government enough reason to ensure the full implementation of the program under RA 9288, said Legarda.

In rationalizing her separate bill on hearing loss early detection, Legarda cited another gloomy statistic—an estimated 150 Filipinos are born daily with hearing loss, and 27,000 babies born profoundly and bilaterally deaf each year.

She said that hearing loss among children was a "metabolic disorder" which was not included in the law despite being five times more frequent than most of the metabolic disorders mentioned in RA 9288.

Unlike the five illnesses that can be detected by extracting blood from the foot of an infant, screening hearing loss cannot be detected through the blood, she said.

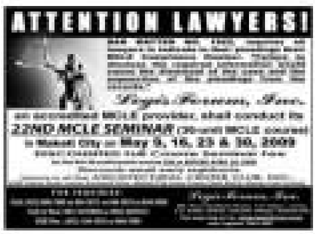
Thus the need for the passage of SB 2390, which will mandate hospitals to test newborn babies for hearing loss before they are discharged from the medical facility.

"It should be the responsibility of the parents and the doctors attending to the newly born to make sure that hearing loss tests are performed," said Legarda, adding:

"The health practitioners that assisted in the delivery outside hospitals shall have the obligation to inform the parents or guardians that there is a law on mandatory hearing loss screening and shall likewise ensure that newborns are screened within three months of life."










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Senate's Easter pledge: No more 'petty politics'

THE SENATE HAS VOWED NOT to engage in "petty politics" when it resumes today from over a month-long break.







Friends, colleagues pay tribute to Ambassador Cabrera tonight

COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS IN PHILIPPINE media and the government service will pay tribute to the late Ambassador and former Press Secretary Noel C. Cabrera in a necrological service after a 7 p.m. Mass tonight at the Mt. Carmel Chapel in New Manila, Quezon City where his remains lie.

Cabrera, who died on Thursday at 69, will be cremated tomorrow after a 9 a.m. Mass, tomorrow. He is survived by his wife Cecilia Malgapo and their four children.

The necrological service was organized by Samahang Plaridel. Among the speakers are Enrique P. Romualdez, executive editor of Malaya; Inquirer columnist Neal H. Cruz, chairman of Samahang Plaridel; Rolando Estabillo, president, Samahang Plaridel; Balikbayan journalist Vic Torres, Cabrera's colleague in the defunct Daily Express; columnist Julius Fortuna; former Senator Francisco Tatad and former Press Secretary Rodolfo T. Reyes.

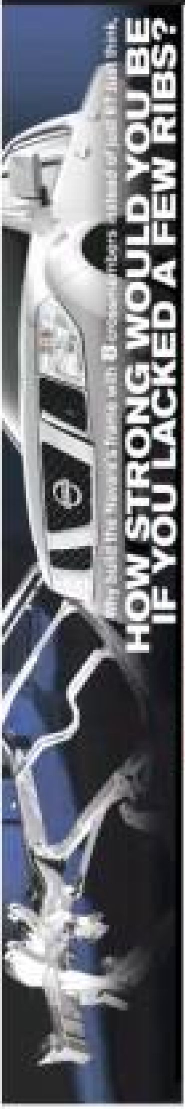
Foreign Affairs Undersecretary Franklin Ebdalin will speak on behalf of Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo and the diplomatic service.

Cabrera's four children, Mondalia, Natasha, Misha and Nikos, will deliver the family's response.

A musical program featuring the musical talents of the Malgapo family and friends from the University of the Philippines College of Music will be held after the necrological service.

Cabrera was a practicing journalist for 22 years, working in various capacities as reporter and editor for the Daily Express, the Manila Times, the Daily Globe, the Philippine Newsday and the Manila Chronicle. He joined the government service as press undersecretary in 1998. He became press secretary under President Macapagal-Arroyo, before joining the diplomatic service as ambassador to Romania and recently to Burma (Myanmar).





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Keep killer in jail, Cochise's frat urges GMA

Mayor must pay for closure of 2 radio stations

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Tourist traffic up, reports Durano

By Kristine L. Alave

SO FAR, SO GOOD.

First quarter indicators are that tourist traffic to the country has risen, a sign the sector has not been seriously affected by the global recession, according to the Department of Tourism.

Tourism Secretary Ace Durano said data from airlines and other transport players indicated more foreign and local tourists were traveling to and around the Philippines.

"We are confident that despite the challenges, we can expect a big volume of arrivals this year as indicated by initial reports from our partner stakeholders in the transport sector," Durano said.

He said Cebu Pacific reported an increase of 28 percent in passenger volume to 1.98 million in the first quarter of the year from last year.

Philippine Airlines, on the other hand, has opened new local and foreign routes. The airline now flies to prime domestic tourist destinations like Busuanga and Bohol. PAL has also opened routes to Vancouver, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Europe's premier cruise company, Costa Cruises, has announced the launch of a new ship that will include the Philippines on its route, Durano said.

Costa Cruises recently debuted the Costa Classica to double the number of its voyages to Asia.

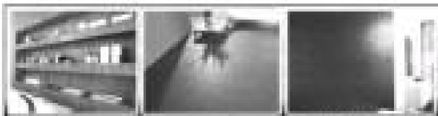
BI posts record collection for Q1

DESPITE THE LOW turnout of arriving foreigners in the country due to global economic slowdown, the Bureau of Immigration (BI) still managed to earn more than half a billion pesos during the first quarter of the year, the bureau reported.

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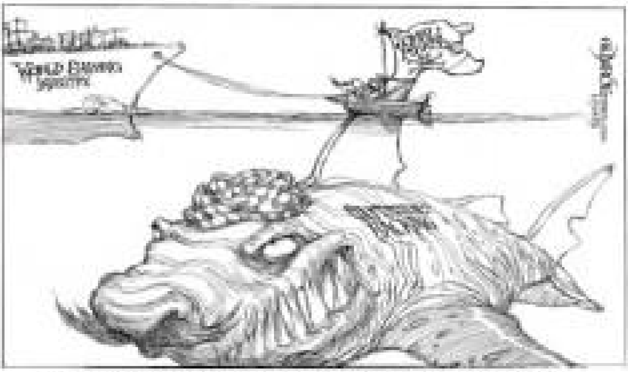
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Praying for Davao

EDITORIAL

A SPECIAL PRAYER ARCHBISHOP OF DAVAO Fernando Capalla composed obliges the Catholic faithful in the country's largest city, for an entire year, to pray for an end to the vigilante killings that stain its name.

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The best place to stay in during Holy Week

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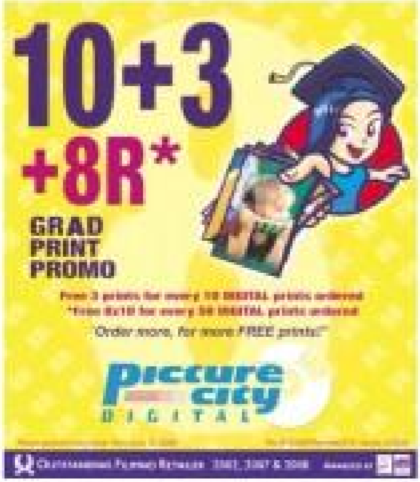
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Sea cages are destructive







Bishops tell Panlilio: Choose between politics, priesthood

By [illegible]
Inquirer Central Luzon

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Leave the priesthood should you seek reelection or heed the clamor to run as president of the country.

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50 laid-off OFWs get help from Owwa

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
Inquirer Visayas

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Baguio residents slam CA ruling on land titling



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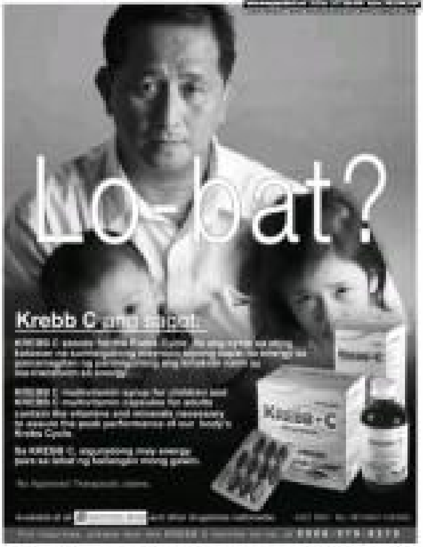
'Jocap' gets pine tree from Baguio media

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GMA wants Halsema repair completed by end of 2009

No reason for delay

To shorten program





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DOROMILA: Out on field work.

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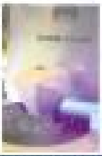
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Pope seeks reconciliation in Africa, Middle East

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possible" in his "Urbi et Orbi" (To the City and the World) message from the steps of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican.

"Reconciliation ... is a precondition for a future of overall security and peaceful coexistence, and it can only be achieved through renewed, persevering and sincere efforts to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict," Benedict said.

"Mindful of the tragic sufferings from the cruel and unending conflicts, ethnic hatreds, that are causing so much bloodshed and destruction in several of her nations," the leader of the world's 1.1 billion Catholics added.

In Africa, a "growing number of her sons and daughters fall prey to hunger, poverty and disease," Benedict lamented.

Ticking off many of the world's woes, he added:

"At a time of world food shortage, of financial turmoil, of old and new forms of poverty, of disturbing climate change, of violence and deprivation which force many to leave their homelands in search of a less precarious form of existence, of the ever-present threat of terrorism, of growing fears over the future, it is urgent to rediscover grounds for hope."

Benedict slipped as he climbed up to his gilded chair on the loggia. Aides lunged forward to steady him but he recovered without incident and delivered his speech to the crowds below.

The Easter Sunday Mass drew tens of thousands of people who packed the square and the boulevard leading up to it.

The piazza, decorated with yellow tulips, azaleas and other spring flowers, overflowed with the faithful who came out on an overcast day to celebrate Jesus Christ's resurrection, the most joyous and important day in the Christian church calendar.

The crowd chanted "Benedetto"—Italian for Benedict—as they waited for him to appear at the loggia.

Benedict earlier presided over a solemn, three-plus-hour Easter Vigil ceremony attended Saturday night by some 5,000 people in St. Peter's.

"The gravitational pull of love is stronger than that of hatred; the force of gravity of life is stronger than that of death," he said during Saturday's ceremony conducted in six languages including Latin.

At the end of that service Benedict sounded hoarse and looked tired. But he appeared well rested by Sunday morning and held up well throughout the Mass.

On Good Friday Benedict led a "Way of the Cross" procession recalling the Christ's crucifixion at Rome's Colosseum, a somber ceremony darkened further by the earthquake disaster that also left nearly 40,000 people homeless.

Taking up a symbolic wooden cross for the final stage of the walk, the Pope said he prayed for "all those who suffer" in the Abruzzo region, wishing that "soon the dawn of hope and the light of the risen Lord will appear."

Benedict spoke three weeks after returning from a trip to Cameroon and Angola.

He is expected to travel on Sunday afternoon to the papal summer retreat in Castel Gandolfo, in the hills south of Rome, for a few days of rest after the busy Holy Week services.

His May 8-15 Middle East tour, his first to the region as pope, will include Jordan, Israel and the Palestinian territories, with stops in cities including Amman, Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Nazareth.

It will also be the first trip by a pope to the Holy Land since Pope John Paul visited in 2000 and, at Jerusalem's Western Wall, asked God for forgiveness for offenses by Christians against Jews over the centuries.

Benedict's Middle East trip follows the worst crisis in Catholic-Jewish relations in half a century after he lifted the excommunication of British Bishop Richard Williamson, who said in January no more than 300,000 Jews perished in Nazi concentration camps, rather than the six million figure widely accepted by historians.

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SPORTS

Beermen hike win streak to 7

By Musong R. Castillo

SAN MIGUEL PICKED UP FROM WHERE IT left off: Scold Rain or Shine.

The Beermen flaunted complete command all game last night and stretched their winning streak to seven games after a 102-85 drubbing of Rain or Shine in the Motolite PBA Fiesta Cup eliminations at the Araneta Coliseum.

Gabriel Freeman scored 13 of his 28 points in the third quarter while also ripping off a night-high 24 boards, leading the Beermen to the league's best start in three seasons after the halfway point of their elimination round schedule.

"Somehow, we have been able to come up with the right chemistry," coach Siot Tanquingcen said. "I also think that the other side (Rain or Shine) was rusty and it helped us [illegible] in a way."

The Elasto Painters, after winning their first four games with Jai Lewis, have now lost their last five—the first time the team dropped back-to-back outings this conference. And this one was uglier than the previous five—before the Holy Week break—with Rain or Shine trailing by as many as 18.

Jay Washington hit 12 of his 16 in the first period, Jonas Villanueva dropped 14 and two others scored 10 or better for Tanquingcen, whose wards will travel to Dubai later in the week to face Coca-Cola, the winner of last night's first game.

The Tigers won for the first time in its last nine outings with Alaska after James Penny scattered 26 points and hauled down 13 rebounds to lead the Tigers to an 89-83 victory.

Penny, hurt in the second game after taking over from JJ Sullinger, hit all of his nine fourth quarter points in a three-minute and 13-second span. The final basket, a triple, gave the Tigers an 85-81 lead heading into the final 3:52.

It was also Coca-Cola's first win in its last five games and after rising to 3-5, the Tigers got out of the cellar for the first time in more than a month.

GAMES WEDNESDAY
(Araneta Coliseum)
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The Aces dropped to a three-game slide for the second time in this tournament and are now alone at the bottom with a 2-6 card.

Brandt Ellis led Alaska with 20 points and 12 rebounds and Sonny Thoss had 12 like former two-time MVP Willie Miller.

[illegible] was the only other Tiger to score in digits with 11.

Meanwhile, Barako Bull, thinking that it needs a bigger import more than [illegible], sent home offensive dynamo [illegible] and has brought in [illegible] for the remainder of its campaign here.

The Scores:

First Game

COCA-COLA 89 — Penny 26, [illegible]

ALASKA 83 — Ellis 20, Thoss 12, Miller 12, [illegible]

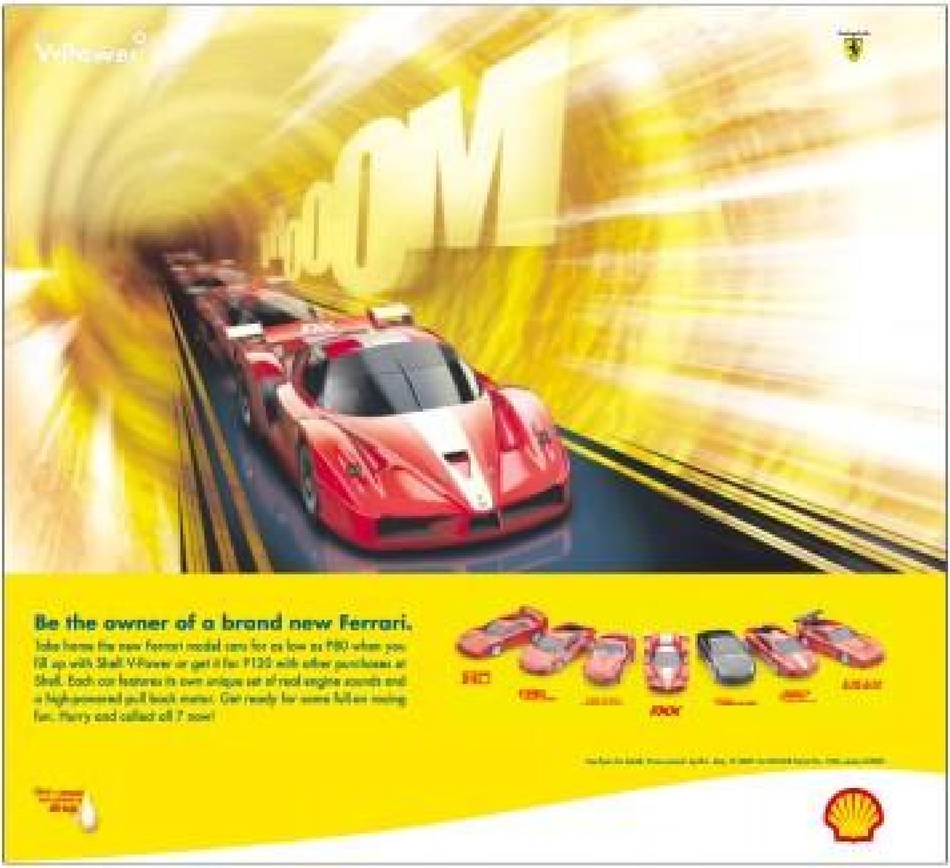
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Second Game

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RAIN OR SHINE 85 — [illegible]

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Editor: Abelardo S. Ulanday

DID YOU KNOW

THE FLAGPOLE in front of the Rizal Monument at Rizal Park is called the Independence Flagpole because it stands on the area where the United States formally recognized Philippine independence in 1946.

Cyril L. Bonabente, Inquirer Research



No more 'padrino' system, cops told

QCPD chief warns men vs asking influential people for favors, or else …

By Nancy C. Carvajal

THE QUEZON CITY POLICE DISTRICT CHIEF HAS WARNED HIS men against resorting to the *padrino* (patronage) system—seeking the help of influential people—just to be recommended for inclusion in training courses which are a must for those who want to be promoted.

In a memorandum dated March 31, Senior Supt. Elmo San Diego, QCPD officer in charge, warned that those who do so would be charged administratively.

"It has been observed that a number of police officers are [trying] to get included in the mandatory courses of the PPSC (Philippine Public Safety College) by even knocking on the door or having an audience with some respectable people, in particular its president, [illegible]," said the memorandum which was signed by Supt. Arnel Olivares.

Olivares is the head of the QCPD's District Personnel and Human Resource Development Division (DPHRDD).

"All police officers are directed to refrain from engaging in these so-called [illegible] practices, and violation of this policy shall serve as a basis for the DPHRDD to refer the concerned personnel for administrative disciplinary sanctions," the memorandum warned.

Olivares said that applications for inclusion in training courses should first be submitted to his office for evaluation and processing before these could be forwarded to the PPSC.

"The seeming frequency of individual police officers raising their problem to the attention of the PPSC presidency does not only put pressure on her office to accommodate requests for grants and favors, but is also a manifestation of the state of discipline among the personnel concerned," he noted.





Citizen's call

Overcharging tricycle drivers

'Kotong' enforcers on Naia Road

Never-ending traffic woes

Overloaded passenger jeeps

Incidents of computer shop robberies rising

Pedestrian overpass needed at Masinag intersection

Errant Pasig traffic enforcers

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No discount on takeout

MetroBriefs

Drug suspect killed

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Illegal settlers destroy trees in Antipolo City

By DJ Yap

Shooter of US immigrants dogged by delusions



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UN powers agree to condemn North Korea rocket launch

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The WORLD

US-pirates hostage standoff intensifies

MOGADISHU—A LIFEBOAT USED BY SOMALI PIRATES HOLDING a US merchant marine captain captive drifted toward Somalia's lawless coast on Sunday, with US warships tracking it to keep the pirates from escaping to shore. *(See related story on Page A1)*

The lifeboat, which has been out of fuel for some time, had drifted to within 3.5 km of the Somali coast by late on Saturday, according to US military officials who said they feared that if it reached land, the pirates might try to escape with their hostage.

Somali pirate sources and coastal residents said they do not think the lifeboat is anywhere near that close to shore.

The US-flagged Maersk Alabama container ship from which Capt. Richard Phillips was taken last week arrived safely in the Kenyan port of Mombasa on Saturday as a Somali mediator headed to sea to try to secure his release.

"The captain is a hero," one crew member shouted from the 17,000-ton ship as it docked. "He saved our lives by giving himself up."

The ship was attacked by gunmen far out in the Indian Ocean on Wednesday but its 20 American crew apparently fought off the hijackers and regained control of the ship.

Relatives said Phillips volunteered to join the pirates in a Maersk Alabama lifeboat in exchange for the safety of his ship and its crew. The four pirates holding him want $2 million ransom for him and a guarantee of safe passage.

Three US warships including the destroyer USS Bainbridge were in the area around the lifeboat.

Military officials said the pirates fired on a small US craft that approached them from the Bainbridge on Saturday. No one was hurt and the craft withdrew.

Somalia has suffered 18 years of chaotic civil war, and the international waters off the Horn of Africa have become some of the most dangerous in the world.

Phillips is just one of about 270 hostages from around the world being held by pirates preying on the busy sea lanes of the Gulf of Aden and the Indian Ocean.

On Saturday pirates captured an Italian-flagged tugboat towing two barges with 16 crew including 10 Italians in the Gulf of Aden. The 75-meter-long Buccaneer had been heading towards the Somali coast.

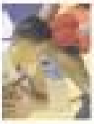
The Maersk Alabama incident has captured world attention because Phillips is the first US citizen seized and his crew regained control of the ship. Reuters



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WHAT'S INSIDE



■ Fil-Ams to try out for RP 5/A30

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Pacquiao: KO not my game plan

DON'T EXPECT MANNY Pacquiao to win by knockout over Ricky Hatton in their May 2 showdown in Las Vegas for the Briton's IBO light welterweight title.

No, the pound-for-pound king has not lost his killer instinct. He just wants to concentrate on the fight and exploit Hatton's weaknesses, which the Filipino said are aplenty.

"I expect him to be coming forward and fight toe-to-toe, and I like that," Pacquiao told www.mirror.co.uk. "I'm not looking for a knockout."

"I don't want any distractions in my mind," the Filipino superstar added.

Pacquiao expects Hatton to "walk into his fists because of his aggressive, come-forward style."

"We see a lot of weakness in Hatton," Pacquiao claimed.

Hatton, in a conference call with reporters as reported by www.fighthype.com, points to two key factors for the fight: technical skills and the fighter who goes backwards.

"Both of us don't go backwards and that is the key to the fight," Hatton said. "Whoever ends up going backwards is going to lose."

He does fight toe-to-toe, Hatton said, but he also punches hard and has more technical know-how than the four-division champion.

"I'm showing technical ability that he didn't think I had in him," Hatton claimed. "That's going to shock Manny more than the size and power aspect."

Hatton credits Floyd Mayweather Sr., who replaced his long-time trainer Billy Graham, for his new strength.

"Floyd has given me a new lease on life," said Hatton, adding that his win over Paulie Malignaggi last November showed his vast improvement under his new trainer.

"I proved in my last fight that I have a much better jab, a stronger punch and speed, too."

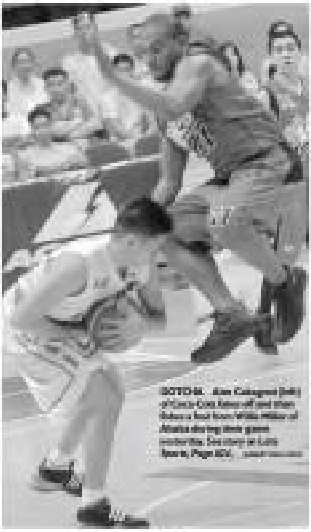
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This time, Youngbusband's focus is on football



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Fil-Ams to try out for RP 5



Paba polls to elect new chief

By Marc Anthony Reyes

Vietnam forming 800-strong SEAG squad

By Marc Anthony Reyes

Bata Reyes backs POC, new BSCP

CLEAN LIVING

Manolo R. Iñigo



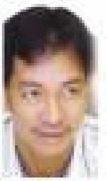
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Bravo, Gonzales top sports journ awards

'Rambulan' last round

Makati derby today

Two ex-deputies make PBL coaching debuts



CAPARO

Tour of Luzon kicks off today



BioFresh joins summer bikathon

At Augusta, they're called patrons, not fans

ONE GAME AT A TIME



Ardina sputters, trails by 10 shots



Williams punishes Wright, triumphs unanimously

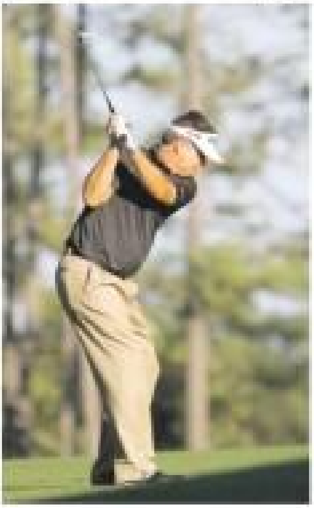
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WILLIAMS

Angel, Kenny share lead

Masters stars Tiger, Phil trail by 7 shots


KENNY Perry [illegible]



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Liga title duel: MisOr five battles Cebu

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Nets shoot down Magic No. 2 seed bid


NEW JERSEY [illegible]

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BUSINESS

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Ayala Corp. wants a piece of Lopezes' EDC

Japan company said to be eyeing sizeable chunk of Lopez holding firm

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE AYALA CONGLOMERATE IS INTERESTED IN INVESTING in the Lopezes' geothermal crown jewel Energy Development Corp. as part of its foray into the renewable energy business.

Industry sources told the Inquirer that Ayala Corp. was studying the possibility of coming in as a minority stockholder in EDC, but could not say whether the 175-year-old conglomerate had started active negotiations with the Lopez family for a portion of EDC's holding company Red Vulcan Holdings Corp.

The sources said the Ayalas were keen on investing in "clean" energy and that EDC provided a perfect fit.

It was earlier reported that the conglomerate had long been trying to break into the energy sector, but did not want to acquire coal-fired power plants, which were the ones mostly on the government auction block.

Shares of EDC—the local stock market's new darling after the former crown jewel Lopez firm Manila Electric Co.—have surged by about 71 percent since March. It closed at P4.45 a share at the local bourse on Wednesday, gaining another 2.3 percent before the local markets paused for a long Lenten break.

Based on last week's close, EDC had a market capitalization of P83.4 billion.

The Lopezes' power generation unit First Gen Corp. said in a disclosure last week that it had yet to sign a definitive agreement in relation to a potential sale of up to 40 percent in Red Vulcan to Marubeni of Japan.

There has been talk in the market that the Lopez family is close to making a deal with a consortium led by Marubeni.

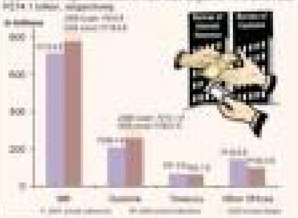
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INQUIRER MONITOR

Figures that matter in our nation's life

BIR, Customs collections up but below targets (2007-2008)

Collections by the Bureau of Internal Revenue rose to P778.6 billion in 2008, an increase of 8 percent from the 2007 figure, while revenues collected by the Bureau of Customs for the year hit P260.2 billion, an increase of 24 percent from the same period the previous year. However, both agencies failed to meet their targets of P815 billion and P274.1 billion, respectively.



Source: Bureau of the Treasury
Stella Pintuan/Inquirer Research

Gov't seeks $350M for power sector

By Amy R. Remo

THE GOVERNMENT is seeking a $350-million loan from the Asian Development Bank for the second phase of the Power Sector Development Program.

Subprogram 2 will support the power sector privatization program and support debt management, provide political risk guarantee to facilitate private sector investment in power generation and transmission.

ADB documents showed that the loan, if approved, would come from ordinary capital resources.

Approved in December 2006, the first loan to the subprogram 1 of the Power Sector Development Program amounted to $450 million, which was spent to implement reforms in the power sector.

The program was established to help ensure efficient power supply to minimize the risk of power shortages in the future and address threats to economic growth.

Philippine government officials earlier said some of the activities under the program included the strengthening of the operations of the Wholesale Electricity Spot Market (WESM) and the administrative and regulatory capability of the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC).

The WESM, which was expected to help bring down the cost of electricity in the Philippines by promoting competition in the electric power market, started operation in June 2006.

ADB earlier stressed the need for a stable and reliable electricity supply, noting that without it, "industry will not grow and generate the employment needed to decrease poverty."

"The country could be facing power outages, decreased economic growth and higher electricity rates if the reforms envisioned under this program are not pursued," ADB had said.

As electricity is an input to most economic processes, it is also seen as an important ingredient to poverty reduction, it added.

"Restoring financial viability in the power sector is essential to fiscal consolidation and will be a key to attracting new investments. This will help keep the power situation stable in the years to come," ADB further noted.

CURRENCIES



PESO-DOLLAR RATE

P48.01 = $1

STOCK MARKET

PSE COMPOSITE INDEX



Mixed trade seen ahead

FOR STOCKS THIS WEEK, TRADING MAY BE offset only after how financial markets tracked the four-week rally on Wall Street.

But after the long holiday break, investors may find trading opportunity in selected stocks like Energy Development Corp., which has surged in the last few months, as the market awaits its upcoming listed first year, said Paul Joseph Garcia of ING Investment Management.

This week, Garcia said, the main share index would likely trade between 2,000 and 2,100, from its close of 2,072.81 on Wednesday, just before the country took a long Lenten break.

FOREIGN B6

IN THIS ISSUE

BPO companies provide boost to real estate sector

By Abigail L. Ho

THE BUSINESS PROCESS OUTSOURCING industry is not only expected to generate more jobs for Filipinos, it will also help fill up available office spaces, both in prime business locations and in "next-wave" cities.

According to data from real estate services firm CB Richard Ellis Philippines, the vacancy rate for the Makati Prime/Grade A Office category had surged to as high as 7.5 percent from 1.5 percent just more than a year ago.

By end-2009, the firm said this number could breach the 15-percent mark, due to quality and pricing pressures.

"For 2009, the challenge for the office sector is the immediate absorption of the spill-over space from 2008, estimated at around 145,000 square meters (completed and ready for occupancy)," CBRE chair Rick Santos said in a statement.

"With BPO as the main driver for office take-up, new office absorption is expected to be flat at around 250,000 square meters, with provincial urban centers like Cebu, Davao, Clark, and Baguio taking their share from Metro Manila," he added.

Since offshoring and outsourcing back-office operations to areas outside of North America and Europe would require capital expenditure from global companies, he said the Philippines had a good chance of continuing to attract these foreign firms with its competitive wage and lease rates.

"Considering the disparity in the Philippine economy versus that of first world countries ... we expect that the country will continue to enjoy an influx of BPO companies in the coming months," Santos said.

BPO COMPANIES B7

Collective hypocrisy?

NO FREE LUNCH
Cielito F. Habito



Double-talk

A NIMBY situation

Common good

Ethanol producer spending ₱150M for capacity expansion

Cut imports

Tariff sought



InfoTech





Sanyo Xacti cameras are compact wonders



Five-year-old Gmail goes beyond e-mail



NFA steps up palay buying operations

Volume seen raised by 45%

Eton Properties launches 2 more residential projects

Tan-owned firm reports strong Q1 sales

Phoenix amends secondary purpose

Finance mag cites BDO

Mixed trade ...

Diversification still best strategy, says Citi

Benefits of portfolios 'not dead'

Producer price hikes ease

Ayala Corp. wants a piece . . .

BPO companies provide . . .

RP has what it takes to be knowledge hub

But DLSU study cites need to upgrade schools

German training institute hails renewable energy push

Team to ensure 100% electrification formed

More farmers learn to make organic inputs

BUSINESS

Productivity reviews seen to be key to profitability

By Abigail L. Ho

RP among most vulnerable to climate change, says DA



STUDY TOUR

Telco finds way to connect families here and abroad

BUSINESS Monday

Filipinos get sucked into worldwide web

Internet attracts mainly young Pinoys

Internet usage is skewed toward the more upscale and well-educated

Demographics, attitudes

Key activities

Gov't broadband program said to counter crisis threat



When trust in corporations swoons



MAPping the Future

Junie del Mundo

Low trust

Big hit

Reversal of roles

Gov't broadband program ...

Filipinos get sucked ...



Social networking boom

Shifting ad landscape

Accommodation, meals drive holiday spending

HEY, BIG SPENDERS

Average budget

Australians spend the most

Fast growth



Asia Pacific offers a wide range of accommodation to cater to all types of travelers.

Meralco employees treat street children

MOVEMENTS

Patricia Ringen new Western Union SVP

DHL names Latham head of sales

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JUSTICE Renato Corona

Portraits of Cebu power figures

Florentino Impas continues the Cebu tradition of unabashed realism


ARCHBISHOP Ricardo J. Cardinal Vidal


WINSTON Garcia of the GSIS


REP. LORNA Silverio

FOR MANY generations, Cebu has always been the bastion of the realist movement. The Cebuano artists of the past were known for their exemplary handling of [illegible] in realism. Today, Cebuanos are shown a particular strength in representation.

Florentino "Jun" Impas Jr., 38, continues the tradition. He hails from Sarangani, but is based here in Cebu.

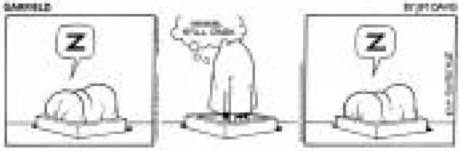
Impas is particularly known for his portraiture. His subjects include the top civil and ecclesiastical personalities hailing from Cebu. The paintings are distinguished by artist attention to detail.

In 2002, he won the [illegible] Painting Contest. In 2004, he garnered two grand prizes—in the Marciano Abellana on-the-spot painting contest and in the Petron Art Awards.

In 2008, he joined the China Youth Asian Art Competition and received an Excellence Award among 900 participants.

On April 22, Impas will open his first "One Man Show" at [illegible] Art Center, SM Megamall. Organized by [illegible] Gallery, the show runs until May 6.

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A. LIPIN BY JESS ABRERA



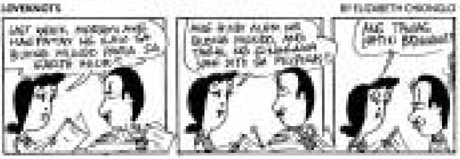
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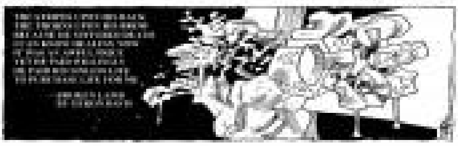
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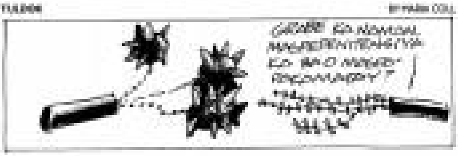
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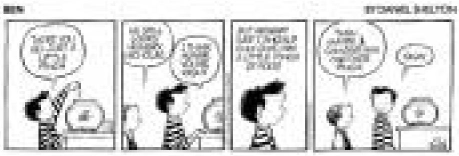
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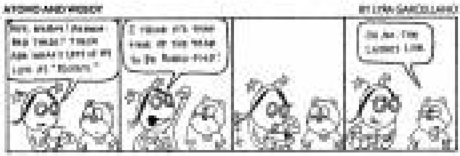
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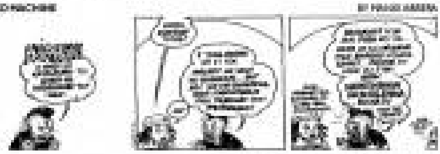
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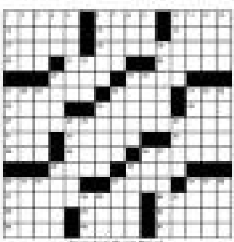
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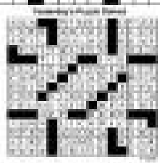
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Yesterday's Puzzle Solved



HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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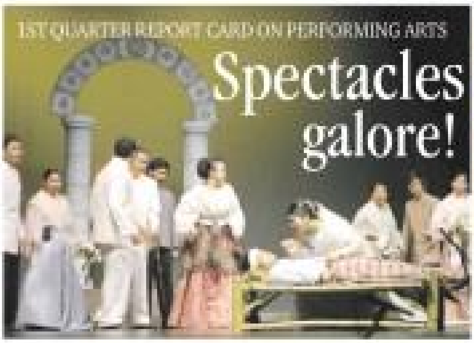
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HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.
Tips and program at www.sudoku.com

Answer to previous puzzle

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1ST QUARTER REPORT CARD ON PERFORMING ARTS
Spectacles galore!

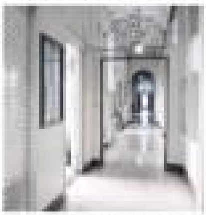


Summer performing arts classes in Taguig open today

Top classical voices featured in World Voice Day Concert

Wanted: Stanley Kowalski

La Salle building cited on international architecture list



PRE-WORLD War II terrazzo pattern the walls and floors of the arcaded walks along St. La Salle Building.

THE BOOK "1001 BUILDINGS YOU MUST See Before You Die: The World's Architectural Masterpieces," authored by Mark Irving and published by Quintessence Books, focuses on buildings as varied as Chateau de Chambord in the Loire Valley; Borromini's San Carlo alle Quattro Fontane in Rome; the Berlin Building by Sir Norman Foster; the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles by Frank Gehry; and the Yale Art Gallery by Louis Kahn.

Among the 996 other major architectural works listed is a single entry from the Philippines, the St. La Salle Building, centerpiece of De La Salle University Taft Avenue in Manila.

Surprised? Not me. Why did it take this long for it to get recognized?

But I am saddened, though, that it took an international writer to point out how special the St. La Salle Building is to the

PRISE OF PLACE



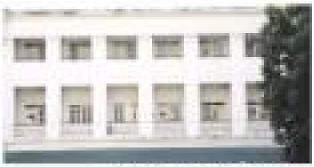
Augusto F. Villalon

generations of students who had taken it for granted. This should change the way they look at the building.

Quoting from Derek Jones, who contributed the St. La Salle entry: "Filipino resistance to colonial rule after Spain ceded the archipelago to the United States in 1898 was quelled with rifles and superior numbers. But what shaped the Philippines into the most US-like of Southeast Asian countries was a typical imperial-style archi-



COOL, tropical and serene, the De La Salle chapel is a quiet spot in the tumult of urban Manila.



CLASSICAL modern architecture by architect Tomás Mapúa from the 1920s, totally attuned to the tropical Philippine weather, is still a comfortable environment for study these days.

tecture allied to enlightened concerns.

"Architecture was part of the US pacification strategy. The imposition of Beaux Art monumental buildings as part of the City Beautiful movement (based on the 1905 Daniel Burnham Master Plan for Manila) meant Washington, DC, Chicago, and Manila would reflect harmony and social order.

"As part of the new order, the 1903 Pensionado Law awarded US university scholarships to Filipinos. In exchange, they agreed to work on reconstruction projects. [Founder of Mapúa Institute of Technology in Manila] Tomás Mapúa (r. 1890-1965) graduated from Cornell University in 1911, and was later commissioned to design De La Salle College, now University.

"Mapúa's H-shaped, three-story reinforced concrete building is pure Classical expression. A triangular pediment crowns an entablature of cornice, frieze and architrave supported by Corinthian columns to create a three-bay portico main entrance."

Further defaced

[Original façade is now obscured by elevated LRT tracks and sadly further defaced by the insensitive addition of the [illegible] Conservatory intruding into the former front lawn from the façade of the original building.]

"Wide, open-air portico wings extend from either side; the square openings on the third floor balanced over the rectangular openings of the upper floors' balustrade level. Corinthian pilasters and a detailed cornice unite the floors between each arch.

"The interior quadrangle is similarly enclosed but stripped to basic flat elements without benefit of pediment and consoles. A later addition of an exterior prestressed concrete walkway wraps the ground level on the quadrangle side."

"The ground floor interior offers Corinthian grandeur with the geometric simplicity of 'boxed' columns, and a square coffered ceiling.

"Mapúa added a barrel-vaulted Art Deco chapel in 1939."

The Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament is one of the unrecognized architectural jewels of Manila. With architectural elegance so subtle and serenity so all-encompassing, restored by the late Bro. [illegible], the chapel is one of the few special places I go to in Manila to be surrounded by total peace.

Long deserved

Technical jargon aside, what the book tries to say in plain English is that Mapúa took classical Greek architecture influences and simplified them to fit the modern lifestyle and building technology of 1920s Manila. He ably adapted a Western architectural style to suit the tropical environment of the Philippines. The building's total attunement to tropical climate gave us body comfort in the four years I spent going to school in St. La Salle Building.

In classrooms separated by wood-and-capiz folding doors opening out to verandahs on two sides, we were not only in close contact with the environment (Taft was a tree-lined avenue then), we were also completely attuned to the tropical weather that we lived in.

Before the days of air-conditioning, our classrooms were naturally cross-ventilated. The wide verandah kept us dry during rains. When the large doors were folded open, we could watch typhoons build up until we were sent home before the floodwaters rose above the school's ground floor.

St. La Salle Building, I admit, has always been a great part of my life, a wonderful environment for learning and establishing a lifelong network of friends, my home for four years.

But it is because I am aware of its heritage value, its place in the La Sallian community, and its significance to the Filipino nation, that measures should be taken now to protect not only its physical state but also the generations of memories embedded in that structure and for the entire Taft Avenue campus.

Hopefully the entry of St. La Salle Building on this list finally brings the long deserved recognition and conservation of heritage values that has thus far eluded it.

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LIFESTYLE Arts & Books



BETSY Westendorp's "Happy Times"

Mother and daughter *Westendorp*

Carmen Westendorp-Brias takes after her mother, Betsy, in more ways than one

FOLLOWING THE MUCH-hailed return exhibit of her mother Betsy Westendorp recently, Spanish-Filipino artist Carmen Westendorp-Brias takes her turn in the spotlight as she returns to the country where she spent the first 12 years of her life.

"Mother and Daughter" is the joint exhibition of Betsy and Carmen, which opens on April 14, 6:00 p.m., at the ArtistSpace gallery of Ayala Museum.

"I can describe Carmen as a very interesting artist," Betsy says. "She is imaginative, apparently naive, but strong and powerful. She has created a world of her own. She is both different and genuine, finding new

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CARMEN and Betsy with the ... behind them

Mother and daughter Westendorp

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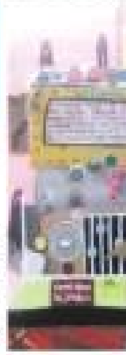
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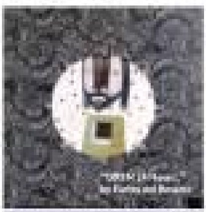
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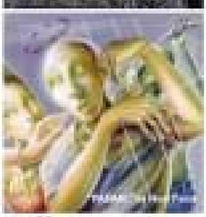


CARMEN Westendorp-Brion "Girl Sitting on a Muslim Chest," and "Pinoy jeepney" (at right)

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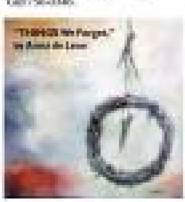






Different takes on the Passion

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"THINGS We Forget," by Annie de Leon

Chabet at Pasay, West

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"UNTITLED," by Roberto Chabet

'Insect World' at Avellana

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Crisis at Avellana

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VISUAL ARTS

Women artists at Liongoren, Ramalig

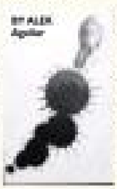
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Baldemor in Ortigas

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Aguilar at Magnet



BY ALEX Aguilar

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Nepila, De la Cruz at Hans Brumann

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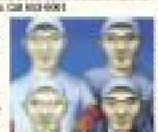
Cid Reyes et al at Rizco Renzo

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Southern Artists at Crucible

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Lokaje at Drawing Room



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Laranan at UP-Visayas

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"MANILA 01," by [illegible]

Onaka and Farol at Kaida

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Dy at Slab

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BY CHRISTINA Dy

17 artists at Nineveh

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Shows at Pinto

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Mendoza at Sunshine



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Landayan group exhibit

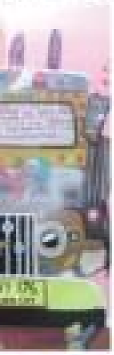
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Workshop at De La Salle

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Workshops at UP

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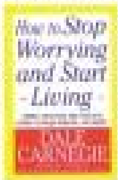
Argentina's Juan Gelman, premier Spanish poet, to visit Manila



Juan Gelman

Interesting titles for 2009 graduates





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16th Iligan workshop

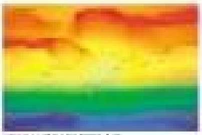
10th UST workshop

UST names 11 criticism fellows

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Zamboanga celebrated in Onglepho exhibit



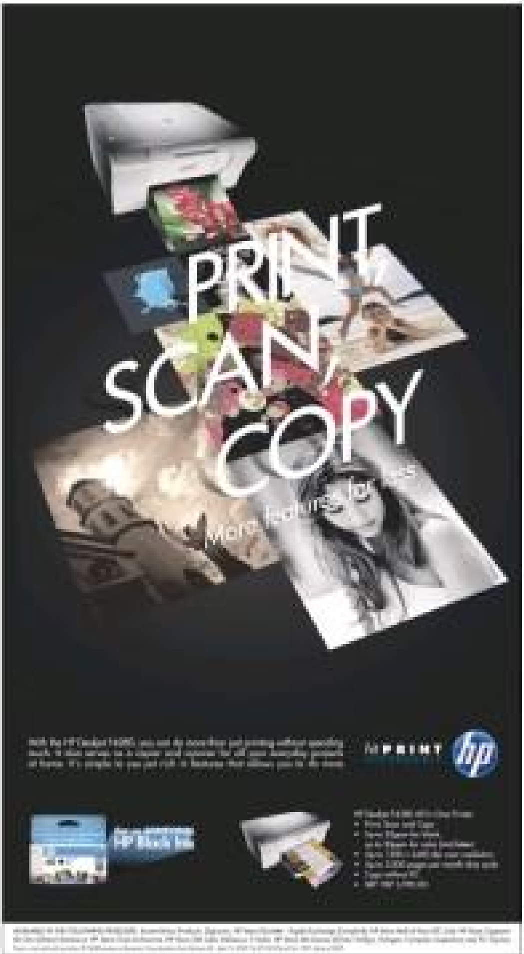
"DREAMSCAPE 2009-01"



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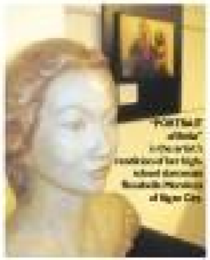


PWU Gallery features Bitanga, alumni artists



"FOREST" I, by Charito Bitanga

Julie Lluch comes home to Mindanao



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'Idol' out, 'Next Star' in

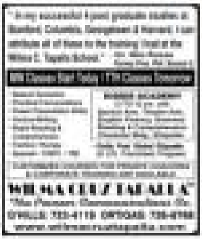


A friendship that bridges the TV divide

By Bayani San Diego Jr.















Gabby, Romnick buck over-the-top acting fad

VIEWFINDER



Nestor U. Torre

Less is more: In key scenes, these two actors played it quiet and deep, truly moving

Feedback

"X-men Origins: Wolverine"

Russian film fest in August

By Marinel R. Cruz



Dingdong, with wings

DOLLY WOOD



Dolly Anne Carvajal

Sine Direk no laughing matter

'Eat Bulaga' producer bankrolls 6 digital films by veterans for midyear festival

A night of song, dance and poetry



Review



A friendship . . .

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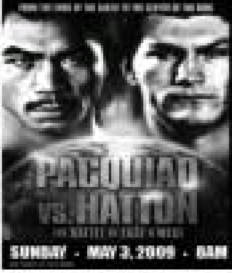
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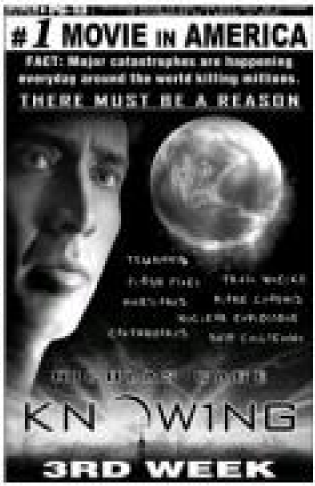




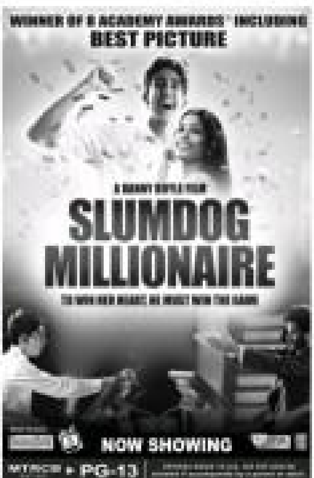


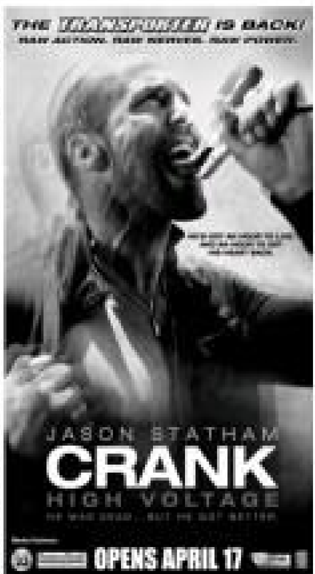












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No surprise

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WWII True Stories
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How did they prepare? What did they do on 'D-Day'? How did they spend the hours waiting for the moment of truth when results came out?

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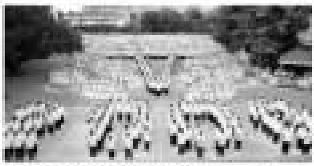


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I TOOK, FOR granted our class lessons in World War II thinking it was so boring to relive the past.